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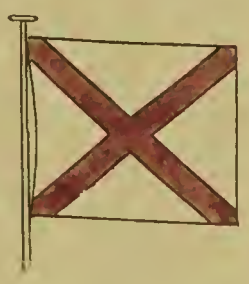
Private Signals to be used by the British and French Ships of War, furnished with Instructions under the Convention of the 30th November 1831, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

The Ship first making the Signal is to hoist the following Flag at the Fore-top-mast head,

The Ship to which the Signal is made is to answer by hoisting the following Flag at the Main-top-mast head,

The Ship which first made the Signal is then to hoist the following Flag, at the Main-top-mast head,

And the other Ship is to answer by hoisting the following Flag at the Fore-top-mast head,



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By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.

WHEREAS, in a Convention between Great Britain and France, signed at Paris on the 30th of November, 1831, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, it was stipulated that certain cruizers belonging to one or the other of the said two countries respectively, should be authorized under special instructions therein mentioned to visit and detain, within particular limits, merchant vessels of the other nation, engaged in the traffick in Slaves, or suspected of being fitted out for that traffick; and a Supplementary Convention was further concluded between the same countries on the 22d of March, 1833, for the purpose of explaining and developing some of the Provisions of the beforementioned Convention, to which Supplementary Convention are annexed certain Instructions to the Cruizers to be employed on the Service alluded to; and whereas we think fit that the vessel you command shall be one of the British Cruizers furnished with the said special Instructions, We herewith transmit to you copies of the Principal Convention of the 30th of November, 1831; of the Supplementary Convention of the 22d March, 1833; and of the annexed Instructions hereinbefore referred to: and you are accordingly authorized and empowered *by virtue of this present Order, and of the accompanying Warrant from the Government of His Majesty the King of the French*, to visit Merchant Vessels under the French Flag suspected of being engaged in the traffick in Slaves, within the limits set forth in the 1st article of the Convention of the 30th November, 1831, (with the conditional extension therein explained) and to deal with such as shall have engaged in a traffick in Slaves, or shall be suspected of being fitted out for that traffick, as pointed out in those several documents; and we charge and require you to conform most strictly to all the provisions and stipulations contained therein, taking care to exercise the authority so conferred upon you in the mildest manner, and with every attention which is due between allied and friendly nations, and to co-operate cordially with the Commanders of any French Vessels of War employed in the same Service.

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